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Disaster Recovery Centers to Open

MOBILE, Ala.—Official from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have announced the opening of three additional Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) with two in Atmore and one in Brewton on Saturday, July 16, 2005. These are in addition to the two disaster recovery centers currently open in Saraland and Bay Minette.

Disaster victims are urged to register for assistance first by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or for the speech- or hearing-impaired **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)**. The phone toll-free phone numbers are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week until further notice, and multilingual operators are available to provide assistance to disaster applicants when necessary.

In addition, those who are able can register on-line by going to <http://www.fema.gov>.

The three DRCs opening on **Saturday, July 16, 2005 at 7 am** are:

**Poarch Creek Indian Reservation
5811 Jack Spring Road
Atmore, AL 36502**

**Old Fred's Store
E120 Lindberg Street
Atmore, Ala.**

**Escambia Agriculture Science Center
175 Agscience Drive
Brewton, Ala**

The centers hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

These DRCs serve as a one-stop information centers and offer disaster victims a chance to talk face-to-face with federal recovery specialists, as well as state and local voluntary organization representatives who can provide additional assistance or help with immediate unmet needs for disaster victims. Mitigation specialists are also available to provide information about cost-effective ways to help reduce future disaster damages.

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The other DRCs, which opened on Thursday, are located at:

Saraland Community Center
716 Mae Street
Saraland, Ala. 36571

Hallidey Park
400 McConnell Avenue
(corner of Hwy 59 and 3rd St.)
Bay Minette, Ala. 36507

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